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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were trending lower in the East, unchanged elsewhere. Trade sentiment was steady, but no better than steady to weak in the East. Retail demand was fair at best except where features were active. Food service was better, light to fairly good, strongest where fast food promotions were present. Supplies were mostly sufficient to ample on heavier weights, but closer balanced for lighter weights in the South. In the parts structure, availability was irregular with all items at least adequate; however, wings were at times short. Movement was light to moderate, best where retail ads were a factor. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 03/26-03/31/01 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A				COMPOSITE
(Including branded product)				
AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	50.00-54.00	50.00-64.50	52.80	27
Los Angeles	67.00			
New York	51.00-53.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	61.50-63.00	52.00-65.00	62.34	81

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 62.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT		
<u>LOADS</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>PRELIM. WTD. AVG.</u>
589	58.06-63.75	61.85
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
<u>ITEM</u>	<u>WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)</u>	<u>VOLUME (000 POUNDS)</u>
BREASTS - B/S	144.00	3,628
BREASTS - WHOLE	73.50	1,088
THIGH MEAT - B/S	92.00	750
LEG QUARTERS	24.50	7,638
WINGS	97.50	2,623

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority price into Chicago for next week's delivery was unchanged from Monday's final majority. Whole fryer trade sentiment mostly steady. Whole fryer offers in balance with buyers' limited current needs. Retail demand continues only fair, best where scattered feature activity is a factor. Food service movement light to occasionally fairly good into fast food outlets with promotions. Floor stocks adequate with some buyers limiting purchases for next week's delivery. Sizes desirable. Supplies of wings and leg quarters barely adequate, breast items adequate or available, balance of items adequate. The market tone was steady to fully steady on wings and leg quarters, steady on the balance of items.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers improved slightly moving into the weekend, however, most dealers remained cautious and selective. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to available, however, the heavier birds were in the longer position and discounting was prevalent. Retail and distributive movement was limited. The market tone was no better than steady to instances weak. In the parts complex, breast items were fully sufficient. Legs and leg quarters were generally adequate, and wings were at least sufficient.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices unchanged from last week. The market tone was steady. Offerings adequate to ample with heavy weights in the longest position. Buying interest was fair. Retail demand was fair to fairly good, best by fast food and stores to cover features. Dealers anticipated moderate to heavier than desired carryovers. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 57-89, whole cut-up 79-119, leg quarters 10# bag 290, whole legs 88-129, thighs 63-129 & IQF 4# 299, drumsticks 63-129 & IQF 4# 299, split breasts 97-249, boneless leg meat 109-118, boneless thighs 119-199, boneless breasts 177-399; Northern California - whole body 49, whole cut-up 129, split fryers 99, cornish hens 189, roasters 189, whole legs 99-139, drumsticks 99-139, thighs 99-139, wings 99-139, boneless breasts 179-299, breasts tenders 279; Denver - whole body 99-119, whole cut-up 99, split fryers 99, thighs 59, drumsticks 59, split breasts 89-99, boneless breasts 199 & IQF 4# bag 899, leg quarters 39 & frozen 29-49; Arizona - whole fryers 59, whole cut-up 99-139, boneless breasts IQF 4# 796, drumsticks 99-139, thighs 99-139.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light to moderate with mixed trading. Supplies of heavier sizes were in a better balance, but still at least adequate; smaller sizes were close balanced to well cleared. In the parts structure, trading was improved, especially into fast food where promotions were present. Interest for breast items increased with supplies sufficient to less available. Wings were barely adequate to short, and dark meat was usually balanced. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light and below expectations entering the weekend. Seller offerings were fully sufficient for current inquiry, particularly on the 3.5 and 4.0 pound sizes. Live supplies were about moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 53 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady and cautious. In the parts complex, volumes varied from plant to plant, but supplies of all items were at least adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	48-69
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	56.90
NO. OF BOXES	9,239
CUMULATIVE	
03/19/01-03/23/01	56.91
03/20/00-03/24/00	53.49
NO. OF BOXES	
03/19/01-03/23/01	62,839
03/20/00-03/24/00	38,353

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

MAR 22

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAR 23

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	WEEKLY (000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	925	120.00-210.00	140-149	144.55	949	120.00-210.00	140-150	145.28	4,648	145.20
TENDERLOINS	63	145.00-215.00	-	167.22	180	140.00-215.00	140-145	149.44	742	151.98
BREAST - LINE RUN	122	72.00-78.00	74-76	75.49	82	72.00-75.00	-	74.27	649	75.23
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				388	79.82
LEGS	126	31.00-41.00	31-34	32.43	166	31.00-41.00	32-35	33.23	630	32.03
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	429	21.00-23.00	22	21.97	429	21.00-23.00	22	22.07	2,139	21.50
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,756	23.00-25.00	24	24.18	1,796	24.00-26.00	24-25	24.49	8,320	24.24
WINGS (WHOLE)	276	91.00-96.00	94-96	95.14	236	95.00-99.00	95-96	95.85	1,276	95.80
WINGS (CUT)	631	104.00-119.00	107-109	109.79	584	102.00-119.00	107-110	110.05	3,076	110.28
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				TFEWR	
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				TFEWR	
B/S THIGHS	132	87.00-93.50	-	90.36	18	92.00-95.00	-	93.01	405	90.70

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR MAR 22, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S**RANGE****AVERAGE**

48.00 - 54.00

51.15

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR MAR 23, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S**5-DAY****RANGE****AVERAGE****AVERAGE**

47.50 - 55.00

51.50

50.67

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest was slightly better moving into the weekend, however, dealers were maintaining balanced floorstocks and most increases were noted as marginal. Breast items were adequate to fully adequate with discounting occasionally noted to stimulate movement. Dark meat cuts were usually sufficient, and wings were at least adequate. Retail and distributive draw was mostly light and generally best where spot feature activity was a factor. The market tone was no better than steady.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO 1ST RCVRS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB

MAR 22

CURRENT NEG**WTD**

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	135.78	627,540
TENDERLOINS	130-135	138.29	114,281
BREAST - WITH RIBS	65-66	73.08	235,240
BREAST - LINE RUN	65	67.25	216,040
LEGS	33-34	33.22	307,040
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	21-22	23.64	553,817
DRUMSTICKS	31-32	34.86	122,060
THIGHS	30-31	33.78	123,220
B/S THIGHS	87-88	90.98	45,040
WINGS (WHOLE)	90-91	96.80	265,326
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.23	68,160
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.26	60,480
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	60.00	80,200

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

CURRENT NEG**WTD**

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	136.11	743,800	137.23	3,172,760
TENDERLOINS	130-135	136.93	98,760	136.37	591,870
BREAST - WITH RIBS	65-66	72.58	239,480	73.59	1,173,240
BREAST - LINE RUN	65	67.52	208,800	68.56	788,640
LEGS	33-34	36.28	275,960	35.68	1,138,040
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	21-22	22.90	417,463	23.33	2,275,842
DRUMSTICKS	31-32	34.78	166,110	35.01	743,670
THIGHS	30-31	37.26	129,580	34.37	582,870
B/S THIGHS	87-88	91.71	50,920	90.62	244,690
WINGS (WHOLE)	90-91	98.55	318,340	99.14	1,630,026
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.13	75,960	12.10	360,820
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.78	75,280	34.44	331,705
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.98	101,360	59.90	447,340

MAR 23

WEEKLY**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
ALA	03/23 3,755	03/22 3,663	03/21 3,568	03/20 3,688	03/16 5.07
ARK	4,857	5,045	4,663	5,216	5.08
DELMARVA	2,277	2,310	2,350	2,348	5.02
KY-LA-TN	1,717	1,913	1,828	1,697	4.45
MISS	2,873	2,877	2,504	2,726	5.08
NC	2,821	2,505	2,394	2,479	5.82
TEXAS	2,287	2,295	2,064	2,265	4.86
TOTAL	20,587	20,608	19,371	20,419	5.09
MON-FRI	102,801(A)				5.04
					101,163(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 23-Mar 01 and 24-Mar-01 is estimated to be 30,800,000 down 1.20 percent from a week ago and up 0.9 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 30,518,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 24-Mar-01 is estimated to be 147,957,000 head down 3.3 percent from a week ago, and down 4.7 percent from a year ago

(Last week 152,987,000 Last year 155,206,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
(L.A. AREA)**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	82-85
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	81
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 89-94
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 102
	ICE PACK 104-117
	DRY PACK 123
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 91-117
	DRY PACK 123
DUCKS	152-170

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending Mar 10, 2001 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----

Head	24,201	23,561	39,776
Avg Weight	3.79	4.72	6.03
% of total /1	28%	27%	45%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	24,475	27,752	36,042
Avg Weight	3.81	4.75	6.05
% of total /1	28%	31%	41%
Same week, yr ago /2	32,568	35,603	36,977
Avg Weight	3.79	4.84	6.15
% of total /1	31%	34%	35%
To date/2001	321,373	257,456	433,414
To date/2000	339,160	303,277	399,190

1/ May not total to 100% due to rounding.

2/ Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 17-Mar-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	152,987 (A)	1,841	1,318	3,159	429
AVG WT	5.09	3.31	8.03	5.28	6.66
LAST WEEK	152,138	2,010	1,270	3,280	516
SAME WK YR AGO	148,354	1,971	1,448	3,419	476
AVG WT	5.11	3.42	7.82	5.29	6.59
TO-DATE/2001	1,644,321	20,328	13,970	34,298	5,332
TO-DATE/2000	1,686,888	22,335	14,972	37,307	5,047

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 152.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 154.8 million head or 2.1 million head more than or 101 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: MAR 20, 2001

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.72 - .98	Silkie	3.50 - 5.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.74 - 1.02	Geese 9-14 LBS	.24 - .40
Pekin Ducks	.60 - .74	Pigeons	2.85 - 3.50ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.50 - .74	White Pigeons	3.00 - 3.25ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.60 - .84	Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.20 - 1.82
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.60 - .92	Rabbits 7-11 LBS	1.20 - 1.48
Crossbred Roosters		Bunnies	4.00 - 12.00ea.
4-6 LBS	.60 - 1.20	Guinea Pigs	1.00 - 4.25ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Goats	60.00 - 131.00ea.
7-11 LBS	.60 - 1.00	Kid Goats	25.00 - 35.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.85 - 2.10	Doves	5.00 - 6.00ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 6.00ea.	Chukars	3.10 - 3.25ea.
Banty Hens	2.50 - 4.50ea.	Pullets 4-6 LBS	.60 - .82
Leghorn Hens	.20 - .42		
Leghorn Roosters	.40 - .54	Total Coops Sold	820

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 19-MAR-2001

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	137	143

MIDWEST MOSTLY	122-126 122-124	123-127 123-125
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ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	65-66
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-83 65-75

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices remained unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was generally moderate. Sizes were in the desirable range. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$5.00-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.38, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, livers at \$.50-1.50, and feet at \$.90-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 19-MAR-2001

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS MOSTLY	121-123	124

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
FEBRUARY 10	154.4	149.5	103	5.12
17	152.4	148.8	102	4.97
24	149.5	151.6	99	4.99
MARCH 3	149.6	151.3	99	5.01
10	154.0	151.3	102	5.18
17	154.8	152.7	101	5.09
YEAR TO DATE	1664.3	1649.1	101	
MARCH 24		152.3		
31		150.5		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	03/24/01	03/17/01	% CHG	03/25/00	% CHG
Broilers	147,957	152,987	-03	155,206	-05
Cattle	654	658	-01	679	-04
Hogs	1,867	1,843	+01	1,863	0
Under Federal Inspection					
* ACTUAL					

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Although prices were irregular, majority of values were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Trading was fair and product was clearing easily. Demand was in a full range of light to good. Undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
23-27 MAJORITY 23-25	35-38 MAJORITY

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
25-28 MAJORITY 25	36-40 MAJORITY 37-38

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was fair. Offerings increased and were generally sufficient for trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. Sales of finished product was clearing easily. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Offerings fully adequate for the light demand. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked light to moderate schedules. Offerings spotty through Easter.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)

<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0-0	(1)
Eastern Light	0-0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0	(2)
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate to good for about adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were in a range of less than normal to normal. Interest for canners was clearing available offerings. The undertone was mostly steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for balanced to mostly adequate offerings of heavy hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were at or near desired levels. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

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